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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRANK COMMENTS ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS: FRG STATE
SECRETARY FRANK MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO AMBASSADOR
HILLENBRAND:

--A BREATHING SPELL IN THE TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE IS
NEEDED DURING WHICH DISCUSSIONS CAN CONTINUE WITHOUT
A SENSE OF TIME PRESSURE;

--IT IS TOO EARLY TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NATO DECLARATION
OR TO ADOPT SPECIFIC DECISIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED;

--JOINT CONSULTATIONS DURING CRISES ARE INADEQUATE IN
THE ABSENCE OF PRIOR DETAILED DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
OF POTENTIAL CRISIS SITUATIONS, BUT CONTINGENCY PLAN-
NING IS LACKING IN MOST AREAS OF VITAL INTEREST;

--GREATER PRECISION IN DIALOGUE IS NEEDED, AND THE FRG
AND OTHER EC MEMBERS MUST DEMAND A CLARIFICATION OF
FRENCH POLICY AND INTENTIONS. (STATE)

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2. POMPIDOU'S HEALTH: THE ELYSEE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HIS FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION LAST NIGHT RESULTED FROM "A PAINFUL INDISPOSITION WHICH MIGHT BE REPEATED." POMPIDOU'S DOCTOR ELABORATED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SUFFERING FROM A BENIGN VASCULAR LESION.
(TICKER)

3. EVOLUTION IN FEDAYEEN ATTITUDE: ACCORDING TO AN EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT IN GENEVA, THE PLO LEADERSHIP IS NOW EAGER TO ATTEND THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE BUT CANNOT ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242 AS A POINT OF REFERENCE.
(STATE)

4. TACK OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CANAL NEGOTIATIONS: ACCORDING TO THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA, THE PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EXPECTS A DRAFT CANAL TREATY BY SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO HIS VISIT TO THE US.
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